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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently amended). A method for determining the  
prognosis of an HIV infected individual, comprising:

measuring the levels of anti-tat antibodies and p24  
protein[[,]] in the serum of an HIV infected individual;

comparing the measured levels to a mean anti-tat  
antibody value and a mean p24 protein value; and

determining the prognosis of the HIV infected  
individual, wherein anti-tat antibody levels above the mean value  
in combination with p24 protein levels below the mean value is  
indicative of disease non-progression towards AIDS, and anti-tat  
antibody levels below the mean value in combination with p24  
protein levels above the mean level is indicative of disease  
progression towards AIDS.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled).

2  
/ (New). The method of claim 1, wherein the HIV  
infected individual is a non-progressor who has been seropositive  
for HIV for over eight years, is clinically asymptomatic in the  
absence of antiretroviral therapy, and does not have a CD4 cell  
count below 500/mm<sup>3</sup>.